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SUMMATION
of
UNITED STATES ARMY
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYU ISLANDS

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SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

1. With the exception of German measles, measles, diphtheria and chicken pox the incidence of most diseases on Okinawa increased in May as compared with the previous month.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>
Malaria	7,375	8,089	15	8	1,356
Influenza	2,607	3,193	-	-	16
Trachoma	4,144	5,367	119	98	487
Mumps	241	267	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	293	380	30	29	13
Amoebic dysentery	47	235	42	51	9
German measles	156	75	-	-	-
Pneumonia	225	225	-	-	161
Whooping cough	419	448	18	2	250
Measles	341	323	10	5	-
Filariasis	31	101	2	-	7
Diphtheria	19	9	1	-	-
Chicken pox	39	8	-	-	-
Leprosy	1	2	-	-	0
Tetanus	11	15	-	-	-
Syphilis	30	34	35	34	18
Gonorrhea	76	71	33	34	21

The communicable disease rates per 100,000 per annum are shown on the charts on the following two pages.

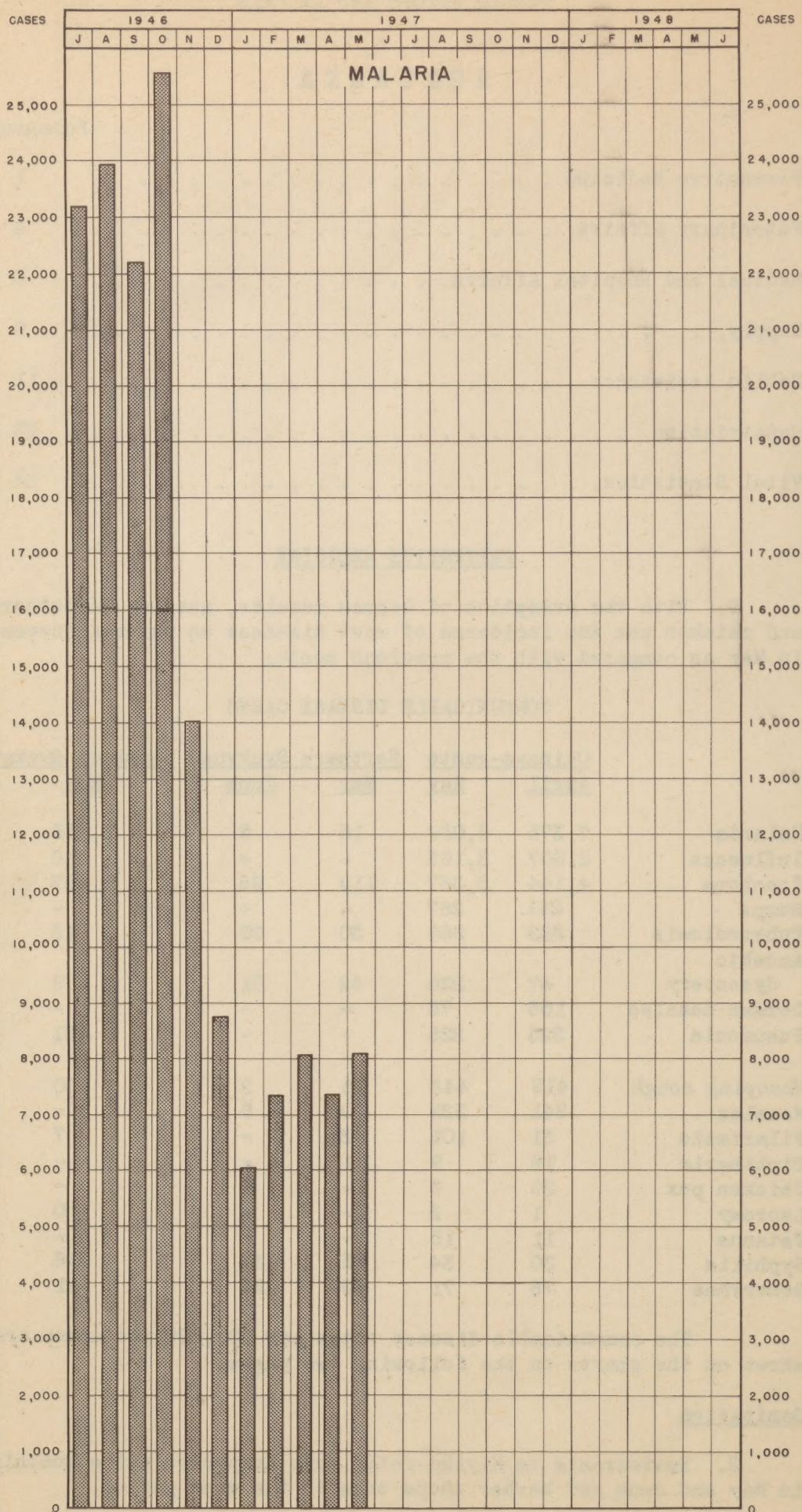
Sanitation

2. Restaurants on Miyako-retto were inspected twice monthly in May and June and barber shops once in the same period.

Twenty-one ships were checked for cleanliness.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · CASES MONTHLY SINCE JUNE 1946



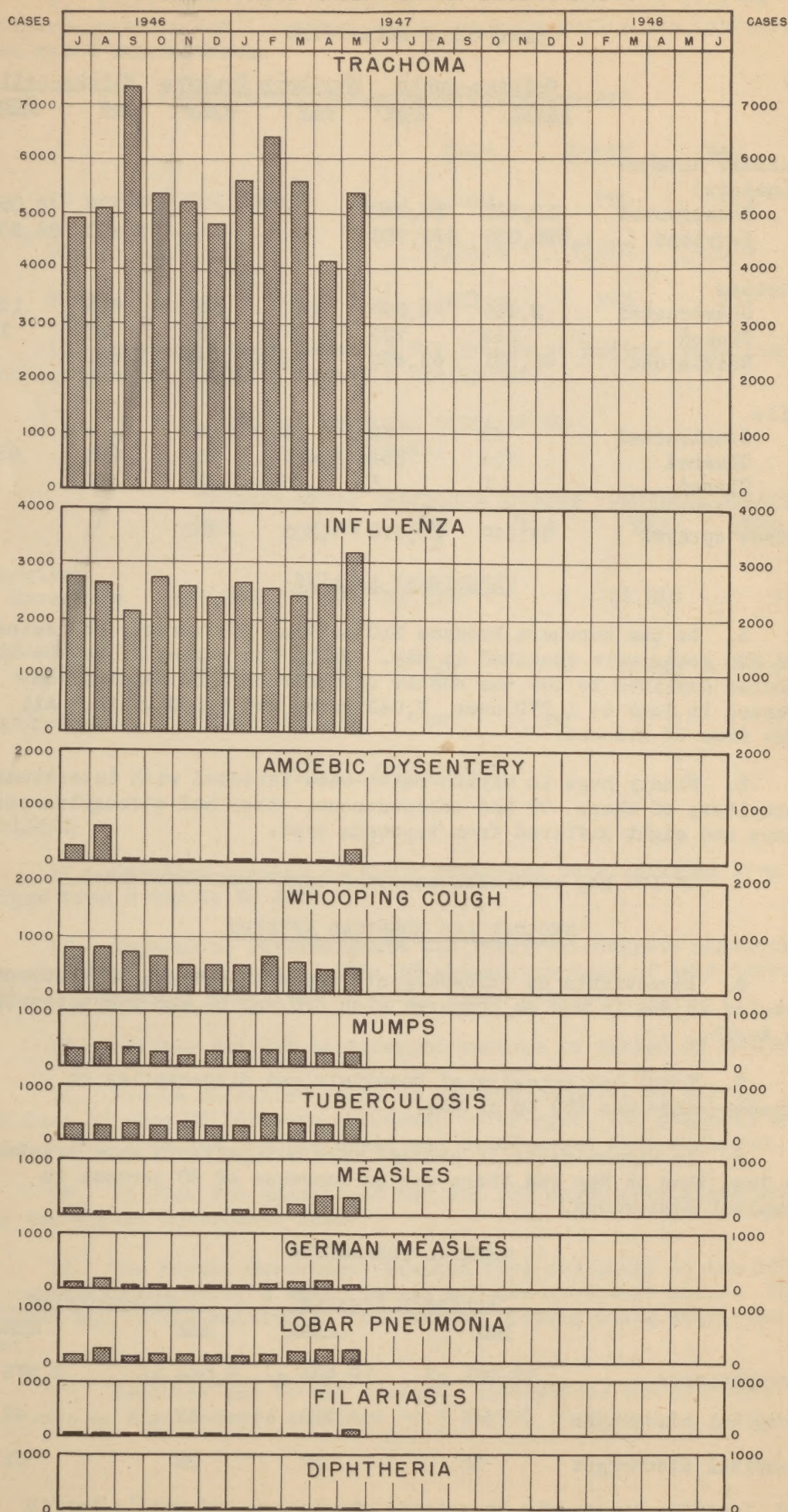
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3. Sanitary teams on Okinawa constructed 28,775 meters of drainage ditches, 4,561 latrines and 130 wells during April and May.

SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Miyako-retto</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Drainage ditches (meters)						
Constructed	12,695	16,080	-	-	-	2,050
Serviced	1,025,035	499,758	-	-	3,430	88,900
Latrines						
Constructed	2,466	2,095	149	121	13	129
Closed	862	732	9	35	23	10
Maintained	61,591	63,429	-	31,548	11,031	0
Wells						
Constructed	68	62	64	159	-	-
Cleaned	704	552	1,419	195	621	639
Closed	1	6	23	27	1	0
Houses sprayed	33,949	27,910	7,305	230	1	0

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

4. In the Northern Ryukyus 310 cattle, 199 horses, 283 swine and 226 goats were examined in May. While the number of horses inspected declined to 106 the number of other animals examined increased in June to 1,272 cows, 2,043 swine and 1,502 goats. All were free of disease.

5. Ninety hogs in Miyako-retto were infected with intestinal parasites; of these, 79 had echinococcus, three had strongylus peodorus and eight suffered from tapeworm cyst.

Of 177 hog carcasses examined eight were condemned.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

6. In-patients on Okinawa-gunto numbered 714 and out-patients totaled 85,364 in May as compared with 675 and 69,636 respectively in April.

7. Total bed capacity of hospitals and dispensaries on Okinawa-gunto was 850 on 31 May.

8. In Miyako-retto 11 percent more out-patients were treated in June than in May and there was an increase of 20 percent in hospital admissions.

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Miyako-retto</u>	
	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Out-patients	18,256 <u>a/</u>	16,984 <u>a/</u>	2,044 <u>b/</u>	2,273 <u>b/</u>
Hospital admissions	245	226	41	49
Hospital discharges	35	27	29	31

a/ Includes treatments by private physicians and public health dispensaries.

b/ Includes treatments by private and public clinics.

SUPPLY

9. There were 1,409 pounds of 10 percent DDT dust used on Okinawa-gunto in April and May, approximately double the February and March expenditures.

INSECTICIDES EXPENDED ON OKINAWA-GUNTO

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
10 percent DDT powder	pound	791	618
DDT in oil	gallon	7,214	4,086
Penite	gallon	263	181

10. During May and June 512,711 pounds of medical supplies and equipment were distributed in the Ryukyus.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED (pounds)

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Surgical dressings	114,053	73,503	82,815	0	82,815	0
Medical supplies	26,260	65,255	6,745	0	6,745	80
Equipment	2,000	51,000	240	1,200	0	0

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Welfare

11. Cremated remains of 4,600 Okinawans were returned from Japan from 2 May to 30 June.

12. Orphans on Okinawa-gunto who received complete physical examinations in May totaled 275; 82 showed symptoms of skin infections, intestinal parasites or other minor diseases.

13. Okinawa had 995 handicapped persons on relief on 30 June.

14. People on relief rolls on Okinawa numbered 39,892 on 30 June of whom 28,102 were children, 5,749 aged, 121 pregnant women, 1,568 invalids, 995 deformed and 3,357 women with children.

15. In June 200 unemployed men and 100 women were given work on the Miyako Government farm.

16. The Miyako Government granted food and money to the 177 inhabitants of Ogami, a small island off its northeast shore. The island has little cultivated land and no fishing boats since the war.

17. Monetary aid to 411 orphans, aged widows and disabled persons on Miyako-retto amounted to ¥ 19,980 in June.

MIYAKO RELIEF DISTRIBUTION
June

<u>District</u>	<u>Orphans</u>	<u>Aged</u>	<u>Widows</u>	<u>Disabled</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Amount Distributed (yen)</u>
Hirara	10	54	69	7	140	6,990
Shimoji	7	21	55	0	83	3,990
Gusukube	1	19	85	4	109	4,980
Irabu	2	18	39	3	62	3,000
Tarama	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1,020</u>
Total	30	119	248	14	411	19,980

18. The Yaeyama Committee for the Promotion of Public Welfare, a representative group of 32 persons from the Retto, aided 251 families and obtained work for 877 persons in Ishigaki and 12 in Iriomote.

19. Relief rosters listed 11,879 male and 7,156 female unemployed in the Northern Ryukyus on 30 April.

Resettlement

20. Land released from military installations for resettlement and cultivation by Okinawans totaled 1,297.4 acres.

LAND RELEASED - OKINAWA
1 May - 30 June
(acres)

<u>Village</u>	<u>For Resettlement</u>	<u>For Cultivation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mawashi	181.8	140.5	322.3
Miya	70.2	0	70.2
Naha	8.2	276.9 <u>a/</u>	285.1
Ozato	37.2	0	37.2
Sashiki	28.9	24.8	53.7
Tamagusuku	41.3	165.3	206.6
Urasoe	322.3	0	322.3

a/ For salt flats.

Housing

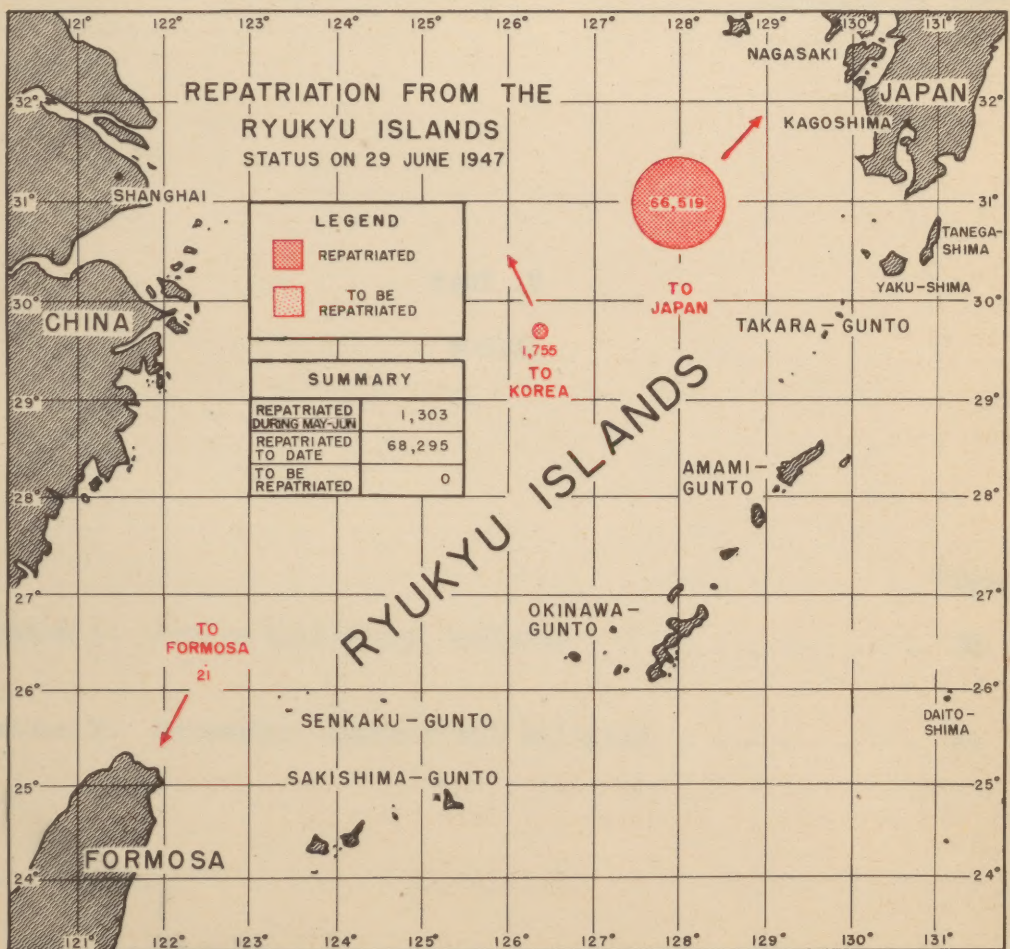
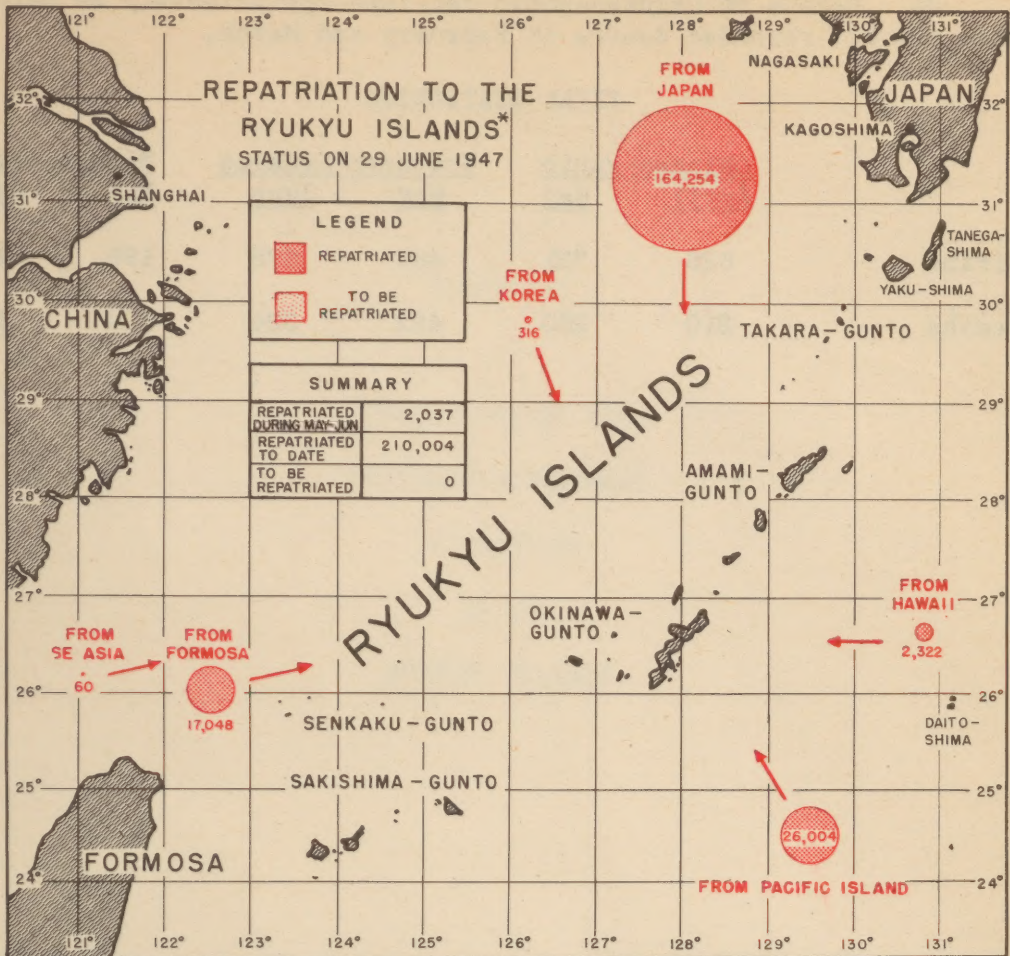
21. Construction completed on Okinawa-gunto in May consisted of 1,725 prefabricated houses and 55 public buildings of which 28 were village stores, six small dispensaries, a morgue, 15 school-buildings and five village offices.

22. Two prefabricated buildings were moved from Chinen to Yogi to serve as an experimental farm station.

REPATRIATION

23. Ryukyans repatriated numbered 2,037 while 1,303 persons were evacuated to Japan. Of those received on Okinawa in May, 235 were lepers who were sent to the colony at Yagachi-shima.

REPATRIATION



* 42 RYUKYUANS WERE REPATRIATED FROM THE USSR IN THE WEEK ENDING 29 DECEMBER.

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VITAL STATISTICS

24. Deaths on Okinawa-gunto declined approximately 23 percent from the 577 recorded deaths in February and March.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Miyako-retto</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Births	626	721	494	375	196	172
Deaths	210	260	462	324	104	106